



THE WILLOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Friday 3rd July 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has passed and we have hit the 'two weeks to go' mark!

This last two weeks is always a busy one with events and dates racking up so keep an eye on the calendar and the PA Connect messages!

I want to thank everyone who turned up for the Summer Open Evening where you all had the chance to visit your child's old class and teacher, see books, have a natter and then go to next year's teacher and introduce yourself. These informal meetings help us make and sustain relationships that will see us all through the next year. I spoke with many of you and I want to thank you all for your kind words.

There is another bout of warm weather expected next week, at the moment it doesn't appear as warm as it was last week but rest assured, we will be keeping an eye on the forecasts and if anything changes then we will let you know of our plans.

Finally, enjoy the weekend. To those of you planning to stay up/wake up early to see England play on Sunday night/Monday morning, I hope that the rest of us wake up to good news and that you manage to get some sleep! Remember we have a more flexible drop off Monday just to make everything less of a rush.

A World Cup win would just about top this year off!

Thank you everyone,

Mr T Robinson
Headteacher
The Willows Primary School



WELL DONE!

1R Kevin for showing resilience by taking positive steps in your learning and trying your best every day.

1P Elsie for showing amazing determination and “can do” attitude in all of her learning,

1C Elvianna demonstrates resilience by approaching new challenges with a positive attitude. She keeps trying when tasks are tricky and is becoming more confident in learning from mistakes and asking for help when needed.

2D Freya I am always so impressed by Freya’s resilience, she has so much determination to try her best and to carry on when she faces challenges, well done!

2H Scarlett for always showing resilience by facing challenges with optimism and always showing strength in the face of difficulty. Well done!

2T Oliver is a resilient learner who always tries his best. Oliver has significantly improved his phonics this year down to his hard work and determination. Well done Oliver!

3SB Elsie-Rose for demonstrating perseverance and resilience when approaching all her lessons.

3D Mia for always bouncing back when faced with adverse situations.

3S Adanna for putting effort into all her work, even when she finds it difficult, Adanna never gives up.



4I Violette for showing remarkable resilience in her learning this year. She approaches new challenges with confidence and determination.

4E Ohemaa for showing outstanding resilience throughout the year. She has faced challenges with courage, determination, and a positive attitude, always trying her best and never giving up. Her perseverance and growth have been inspiring, and she should be incredibly proud of everything she has achieved.

4RH Frankie for showing excellent resilience by facing challenges with determination, never giving up, and always trying your very best. Well done!

5F Alexandru for showing great resilience across the year in all writing subjects. There has been such a huge improvement! Well done.

5J Scarlett for showing remarkable resilience this year and pushing through any challenges that have come your way.

5W Vincent for always showing great resilience when you come across something you find challenging. You never give up and are always willing to try your best!

6H Evelina for showing fantastic resilience and always trying her best, even when things feel challenging.

6F Ecaterina for being a resilient and hardworking learner. Well done!

6B Andrea for showing remarkable resilience during mathematics lessons.

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Superstar Readers of the Week

Yr1 — Matthew, Mathias, Raine

Yr2 — Leo, Hannah, Lillie-Anna

Yr3 — Aiden, Joshua, Willow

Yr4 — Hudson, Ibrahim, Tallulah

Yr5 — Ella, Marnie, Alfie

Yr 6 — George, Kye, Holly



Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1 — Carter, Arthur, Mollie

Yr2 — Emily, Olivia, Kyrie

Yr3 — Alex, Hope, Layla

Yr4 — Lenny, Mila, Amy

Yr5 — Freddie, Vincent, Aariz

Yr 6 — Taylor, Robyn, David



Readers this week....

RC-77

2T-88

4I-106

5F- Most minutes logged on Reading



OPAL

Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates
Dress up items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls
Lego 	Small balls 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Skateboard 	Cardboard tubes
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Helmet 	Aprons 	Chalk

Please try to keep these items in mind as these are the kinds of donations that our school needs as part of our Outdoor Play and Learning initiative. These items will make playtimes outside much more exciting, engaging and fun! Please give your child's class teacher any donations and these can then be passed on. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

**Miss Hudson and Miss Dorrington -
OPAL Leads**

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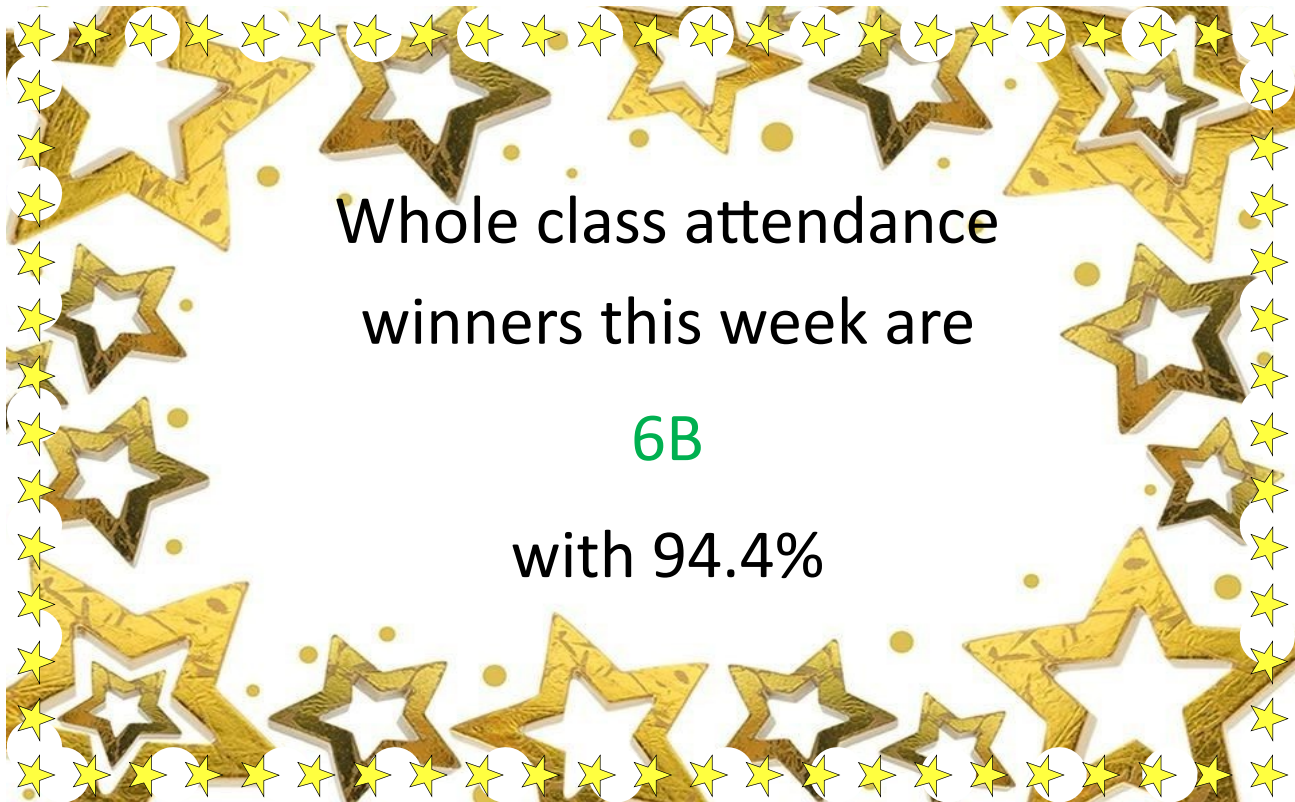


Attendance percentages

for this week.

Yearly - 93.3% Weekly - 89.6%

KS1 – 88.2% KS2 - 90.4%



Whole class attendance
winners this week are

6B

with 94.4%

The Willows Primary PTA

You can now find information on any of our events under the 'PTA Events' section
on the contents page of the [PA connect app](#).

For more information, or to register your support please email: pta.thewillows@gmail.com.



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Reporting Absence

Please report your child's absence to the office by emailing admin@willows.essex.sch.uk, on your [PA connect app](#), or by leaving a message on the office telephone by calling 01268 470880.

The school must be informed **EVERY school day** that the child is absent.

Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence by **9.20am**.



If you or your child have an appointment, or know that you will be arriving to school late for any other reason, **please inform the office via email your child's lunch choice for that day**. This is so the kitchen can be provided with the correct number of lunches. Should we not receive your lunch choice, we cannot guarantee your child will be able to have their preferred option. Should your child's choice be baguette, please state which filling they would like to have.

PLEASE REMEMBER

**WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL**



Thank you for your understanding.



Keeping Children's Records Up to Date

To help us provide the best possible care for your child, please ensure we are informed of any changes to their dietary requirements, allergies, medical conditions, medications, care plans, or other relevant health information. This also includes emergency contact details.

If there are any updates, please email us as soon as possible so that our records remain accurate and up to date.

admin@willows.essex.sch.uk

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Year 1

This week in year 1 we have been roaming the rainforest and imagining the types of animals we may see and hear. In Maths, we finished the week looking at Money and will be continuing this next week. We used pre-money counters to find amounts of objects and match them to real money. On Friday, we went on our amazing trip! Next week we will be writing all about it.

Year 2

This week has been a very exciting week! We have met our new teachers for next year and also written a letter for our new teachers next year, describing ourselves but also any worries and things we are looking forward to in Year Three. We have been designing a throne sculpture in our art lesson that we will be making out of cardboard next week and also experimenting with materials in our science lesson, seeing how solids can be changed through physical forces such as bending, stretching and squashing.

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been actors in English, performing out Paddington play scripts. In maths, we've looked at right, acute and obtuse angles and the names of 2D shapes, help us find them at home! In art, we have painted our Paddington Bears and we thought about how transport has changed in Essex over the years. We explored shadows in Science with three scientific words: opaque, translucent and transparent. We also completed our HRSE lessons, differences, touches and family types.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have had a fantastic time exploring directions and compass points in Geography. The children put their knowledge into practice by writing detailed sets of directions to help someone gain entry to their classrooms, showing excellent use of geographical vocabulary and clear instructions. They also had the exciting opportunity to meet their new Year 5 teachers and were full of enthusiasm and excitement as they look ahead to their next adventure. In Maths, the children have been exploring line graphs and have thoroughly impressed their teachers with their confidence, understanding and ability to interpret and present data. We are so proud of all their hard work and positive attitude this week!

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been exploring movie stills from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, focusing on the exciting moment when Charlie discovers the Golden Ticket. The children used descriptive language to write about what they could see in each still, paying close attention to the characters' facial expressions, the background details, and how the different colours helped to create mood and atmosphere. They enjoyed discussing how each image told part of the story without using any words.

Year 6

Year 6 are now counting down the days until their Isle of Wight residential next week, and we have been busy preparing them for all the exciting activities and experiences to come. With this being one of their final weeks at primary school, the children have continued to work hard in class, including completing English tasks designed to help them get ready for the style of work they may see in Year 7. It has also been a fantastic week for sport, with many children taking part in the Trust swimming tournament, where we won two out of the three competitions we entered. Our pupils also competed at District Sports at Basildon Sporting Village, where they performed brilliantly and represented the school with great effort and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 6!

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Children's Parliament

This week, seven brave candidates delivered fantastic presentations to the whole of KS2, explaining why they should be chosen to represent The Willows in the Children's Parliament this October. After listening carefully to each speech, all of KS2 cast their votes using special ballot papers, and we are delighted to announce our newly elected representatives!

Congratulations to **Archie (5J)**, who has been elected as **The Willows MP**, and **Giovanna (4E)**, who has been chosen as **Deputy MP**.

We are incredibly proud of all of the candidates for their confidence, courage and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing Archie and Giovanna represent our school in October.



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FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6th July

FELMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT closing date 3rd July

For more information and to apply for any of these exciting opportunities, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies - Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

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Year 5 & Year 6 District Athletics

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in the District Athletics competition, competing in a range of track, field and relay events throughout a very hot and sunny day.

The team represented our school brilliantly, showing excellent sportsmanship and encouraging one another from start to finish. Their teamwork, determination and positive attitudes made us incredibly proud.

A special congratulations goes to **David in Year 6**, who achieved an outstanding **2nd place** in the **80m sprint final**. We are still waiting for the remaining track and field results to be sent through to Mrs Willmore and look forward to celebrating more successes soon.

Well done to everyone involved for their fantastic effort and for representing the school so positively!

Mrs Willmore



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Berlesduna Swimming Gala Success!

Twelve talented swimmers from Year 4 and Year 6 proudly represented The Willows at the Berlesduna Swimming Gala, competing against eight other schools in a range of individual races across all swimming strokes, as well as exciting relay events.

Our swimmers put in outstanding performances throughout the competition, showing fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Their hard work was rewarded with an impressive collection of gold, silver and bronze medals across the different events.

The Year 6 team achieved a fantastic **3rd place** finish out of the nine schools competing, while our brilliant Year 4 team were crowned **1st place champions**.

Thanks to these incredible results, **The Willows were named the overall combined winners of the gala!**

Congratulations to every member of the team for representing our school so brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and the dedication you showed throughout the competition. Well done to all! Mrs Willmore.

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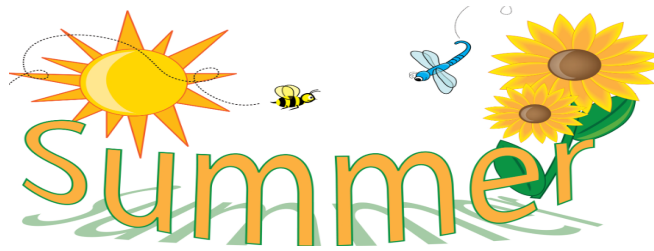
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**Have a great weekend and remember to stay safe
in the sun!**

Summer Safety Tips

 Stay Hydrated Drink 8 or more glasses of water per day to stay healthy & hydrated	 Know the Side Effects of Medications Some medications have side effects such as drowsiness or sun sensitivity	 Stay Cool Stay in the A/C, indoors, go swimming, etc.
 Wear Light, Loose Fitting Clothing Wear breathable clothing and light colors that reflect the sun	 Have Emergency Contacts Have a list of people to call in case of emergency	 Know the Weather Forecast Plan your days accordingly depending on the weather



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